



Runkle News

NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY THE RUNKLE PTO

PTO MESSAGES OF THE WEEK: Kid's Pride Parade on Monday at 5pm, Graduation on Wednesday at 4pm. Friday is the last day of school(Noon Dismissal)!

News for the week of June 18, 2017

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PTO NEWS

**HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!**

Letter From the PTO

Dear Runkle Community,

We made it to the last week of school! Thank you to all the parents who made this year such a successful one! Thanks to those who helped on Friday to celebrate our principal and friend, **Mr. Stoddard**. (Special thanks to Bryan Cramford at Stop and Shop for helping us out with all those popsicles!)



Congratulations to our graduating 8th graders! Thank

you to the 7th grade families who are hosting a reception after the ceremony. And thank you to the 8th grade families who are organizing this Friday's appreciation luncheon for all of our faculty – both Runkle traditions that the PTO is proud to sponsor!

Runkle Class Lists: Below are links to Google Docs where parents are welcome to share their child's homeroom and contact information.

[Kindergarten](#)

[1st Grade](#)

[2nd Grade](#)

[3rd Grade](#)

[4th Grade](#)

[5th Grade](#)

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

Finally, a big Thank You and Best Wishes to Mr. Stoddard, Ms. Bienen, Ms. Belle, and Ms. Guzzi as they embark on a new chapters in their lives. Runkle will miss you!

Have a great week – and a great summer!

Sincerely,
Dorothy and Lynne
Runkle PTO Co-chairs
pto@runkle.org

Event Calendar

This Week's Events:

Monday, June 19th:

-Kid's Pride Parade, 5:00 pm, Runkle Field

Tuesday, June 20th:

-New Kindergarten Family Picnic, 5:30 pm, Runkle Field

Wednesday, June 21st:

-Dino Club, 2:45-3:30 pm, Room 113

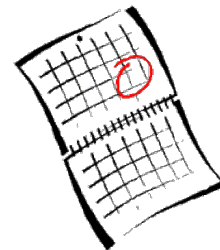
-Runkle Graduation, 4:00 pm, Runkle Field

-PTO-hosted Graduation Reception from 5:30-7:00 pm, Cafeteria

Friday, June 23rd:

-Last Day of School, NOON DISMISSAL

-PTO Staff appreciation Luncheon



Saying Thank You to our Crossing Guards

Monday, June 19th:

Everyone is welcome to sign a poster after school to say thank you to the crossing guards. We will have three posters:



- One for Richard at Beacon Street
- One for the team at Dean and Clinton Roads
- One for John at Druce Street

Wednesday, June 21st:

The posters will be displayed at each of the three intersections; make sure to look for them and say thank you. The PTO will give a special thank you gift to the crossing guards!! We really appreciate their diligence in keeping our children safe.

If you have any questions please contact:
Josie P. at josie.petersen@gmail.com or
Amy B. at baconfamily5@gmail.com

Get involved! PTO Volunteer Opportunities for 2017-18



[Click here to volunteer!](#)

Perhaps you are wondering about how you can get involved at Runkle?

The PTO needs help with many positions. So much of your children's Runkle experience depends upon parent involvement. Please see below for more details.

The PTO needs help with these positions:

- Annual Fund Team
- Halloween Fair Team
- International Night Team
- Music in the Morning
- Music & Arts Festival Team
- PTO Room Parent Co-Coordinator
- Runkle News Editor Team

[**Volunteer Now!**](#)

Kid's Pride Parade

Runkle's LGBTQ+Allies Group invites you to join our 1st annual **Kid's Pride Parade** on Monday, June 19th at 5:00pm.

The Parade will start at the Runkle School (50 Druce St.) and march to Coolidge Corner.



Special Invitation for Eighth-Grade Families

Please join us to celebrate the 8th grade class's promotion to high school on **Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 4:00 pm**. The graduation ceremony will take place on the Runkle field and will be **followed by a PTO-hosted reception at the Cafeteria, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm**.



June Lunch Menu



The June lunch menu can be found [here](#).

OTHER NEWS

A Note From the Principal's Desk



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Dear Families,

I am pleased to provide the following hiring announcements for the 2017-2018 school year:

MEREDITH CHEN and KAITLIN ROK have been hired as our new 2nd Grade Classroom Teachers. Ms. Chen, a graduate of Emmanuel College, has spent the past two years as an intern in Marcy Bienen's classroom. She will be receiving her Master of Science degree with dual certification in elementary and special education from Wheelock College. Ms. Rok earned her Bachelor and Master degrees from Boston College. Ms. Rok comes to us from the Holmes Elementary School in Boston, where she served as a Grade 1 teacher and literacy coach. Prior to that she was a Special Education teacher in Louisiana. We are most excited to add these dynamic teachers to our second grade staff!

OLIVIA BELOFSKY has been hired as our Grades 6 and 7 English Language Arts teacher. Ms. Belofsky, a graduate of Saint Michael's College, is earning her Master Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from UMass -Lowell. She has been teaching middle school English Language Arts for the past three years at Dorchester's Mother Caroline Academy and at Hartford's Grace Academy for two years prior to that. Ms. Belofsky joins our 6th grade team as an advisor and homeroom teacher, alongside Mr. Cramer and Mr. Domerson.

The Runkle Variety Show made a most triumphant return last Thursday night! We had over 40 acts participate in what was a most entertaining and affirming night. Many thanks to Ms. Bigda and Mr. Lass for their work in resurrecting this special event. Also last Friday was our annual Field Day, which was organized by the Runkle Student Council and Mr. Pelton. Many thanks to all the students, teachers, and parents for their work in putting together the special surprise culmination to the day!

YOU R RUNKLE

Jim Stoddard

Runkle School Principal

Runkle Native Garden

You may have noticed an exciting new project unfolding at Runkle last week to the right of the driveway- the **Runkle Native Garden & Nature Observation Area!** The garden's goal is to provide a space at Runkle to both encourage native pollinators and allow students of all grades to engage in hands-on nature observation.



So far, nearly a dozen classes from Runkle have pitched in to dig and prepare the soil. The kids are very excited to see the transformation of a patch of grass to a living ecosystem in their own backyard.

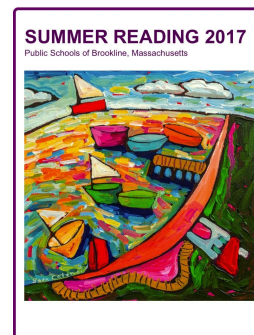
Up this week – planting the garden! **If you are interested in helping out this week or in donating native pollinator plants** or garden features such as nest boxes or bird feeders, please **email Jenette Restivo** at jrestivo11@gmail.com. Together, we are adding the Runkle voice to the growing number of people making a difference for pollinators right in their own yards and gardens!

A Note from the Sleeper Library

SUMMER READING 2017:

Please visit the [Sleeper Library website](#) and click on the [summer reading tab](#) to access the following summer reading materials:

- Instructions for accessing ebooks for summer reading
- Summer reading log
- Summer reading list



A Note From the School Committee

2017 EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To help inform its annual evaluation of the Superintendent, the School Committee invites Brookline community members, staff, and families to share comments and reflections on the Superintendent's performance. We encourage thoughtful, candid responses, all of which will be kept confidential and will be shared with the public and full School Committee in aggregated summary form only. Your feedback is a very valuable component of our review process, and we appreciate your taking the time to respond.

Families and staff received an email on June 12th with a link to the online survey. If you have any questions, please email them to supereval2017@psbma.org

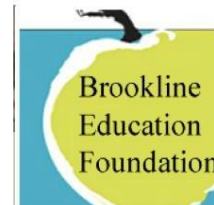
If you would prefer to complete a paper form please [click here](#), and return completed paper forms via US mail or Email to:

David Pollak, School Committee Chairman
Brookline School Committee
333 Washington Street, 5th Floor
Brookline, MA 02445
Attn: Superintendent Evaluation
supereval2017@psbma.org

Please respond to this survey only once. **Completed forms and surveys are due no later than June 30th, 2017.**

A Note From the Brookline Education Foundation (BEF)

HONOR A TEACHER! The Brookline Education Foundation has kicked off its end-of-the-year Honor a Teacher campaign. Please consider making a donation of any size to acknowledge a teacher, specialist, administrator, librarian, nurse, or coach. Honorees will receive notification from the BEF of your gift. Our faculty and staff greatly appreciate the recognition, which supports grants in all our schools, ranging from PreK to 12th Grade. Tell our special teachers how important their work is! [Visit here to donate.](#)



A Note From the Brookline Parent Education Network (BPEN): Substance Abuse Prevention Survey

B-PEN is asking all parents to complete a short survey about attitudes and practices around underage drinking. [Click here to take the survey.](#) B-PEN is part of the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative (SAPC), which works with Brookline, Belmont, Watertown and Waltham to prevent teen drinking and other drug use. Research shows that addressing underage drinking also reduces the risk that youth will go on to misuse other substances. Your input will help us tailor education and outreach. Thank you for helping us keep our youth safe!



FROM THE COMMUNITY

Events, Classes, Activities

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Cypress Field (across the street from the High School)

Black pants and white top preferred. Bring your own mat or towel. [Click here for more information.](#)

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY FORUM

Wednesday, June 21

Light refreshments from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Panel discussion from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street, Brookline

Health Care Reform: Navigating Uncharted Waters. Former Governor Michael S. Dukakis, Moderator. Presented by Friends of Brookline Public Health and

Brookline Adult & Community Education. [Click here for more information.](#)

CORNER CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, July 8th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

1773 Beacon Street, Brookline (Corner of Beacon & Dean Rd, entrance on Dean Rd.)

Meet staff, children, and parents. Corner Co-op is a unique opportunity to participate in your child's formative years and create an extended family with others. We nurture children's natural need to learn and grow through a dialogue-centered process. We regard play as an essential medium of learning. Ages 2 years 9 months to 6 years. Flexible schedule options. Devoted staff. Nut-free school. Contact us for more information at (617) 738-4631 and visit us online: www.cornercoop.org and [check us out on Facebook.](#)

RISING 9TH GRADE PARENTS

Looking for a fun way to get involved in the High School next year? Join the After the Prom Party (ATPP) team and help out with one of the most exciting and anticipated events of the year. For 27 years, this BHS tradition has kept our kids safe and off the roads on one of the most dangerous nights of the year. It is also a great way to meet other BHS parents, work with the class deans and get involved at the High School. We are actively looking for parents who may be interested in working with other seasoned veterans and help with the planning and organization of next year's event. Our planning committees, include: communications, decorations, food, prizes, fundraising, logistics and volunteer outreach. To learn more about the ATPP, please visit <http://bhsaftertheprom.weebly.com/> or contact Joanne Liautaud, (312) 961-0388 or email joanneliautaud@hotmail.com.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY FREE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Free 12-week course beginning Tuesday, September 19th in Brookline

This free 12-week course led by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is for family caregivers and friends of individuals with serious brain disorders, such as major depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia. The series of 12 evening classes includes information on medications, coping/communication skills, problem solving, self-care, community resources, and more. The course and all materials are FREE for participants. For more information and to register, please contact Mary Harris (617-620-4583 or maryharris1985@yahoo.com).

BROOKLINE MUSIC PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICIANS

The Brookline Music Program connects Brookline middle school kids with Brookline High School musicians for FREE music lessons Sign up for lessons now or beginning in the fall. For information and/or to sign up, visit <https://brooklineteencenter.org/brookline-music-program/>

VOICES BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Do you have a child that loves to sing? Join VOICES Boston children's chorus for our 2017-2018 season! With singing at its core and training in dance and drama, VOICES Boston changes the lives of children, building confidence, discipline, leadership and a love of music that will last a lifetime. To sign up or just learn more

about the program, visit www.voicesboston.org or contact: Kathryn DiMaria at kdimaria@voicesboston.org or Nina Pelligra at npelligra@voicesboston.org.

Summer Programs

BROOKLINE WARRIORS YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

August 14th, 16th, 21st, and 23rd, 6:00-8:30 pm

Schluntz Gym, Brookline High School

For girls and boys entering 6th-9th grade. No previous volleyball experience required! This clinic will focus on learning and improving volleyball skills and fundamentals using individual instruction and game-like play. The program is run by experienced coaches and current BHS volleyball players. The cost is \$160/player. To register, please email Girls Varsity Coach Erin Deneen at brooklinegirlsvolleyball@gmail.com

BOOMWRITER SUMMER ONLINE WRITING CAMP WITH ASHLEY HAESE, FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 4TH GRADE

A unique online writing camp. During each of the five daily camp sessions, your child will receive an online writing lesson before then engaging in BoomWriter's collaborative story-writing process. In addition to overseeing the camp, I will be reviewing your child's writing and providing personal feedback and revision suggestions. When the camp is finished, a published copy of the story containing the names of all camp participants will be sent directly to your home. So cool! [Click here for the link to my camp registration page providing the camp dates and daily schedule.](#)

CLINTON PATH PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM 2017 for 3-5 year olds

Flexible dates from July 10 - Sept 1

58 Irving Street in Brookline

We are a play-based program that incorporates Multiple Intelligences Theory while honoring every child's needs. Come play with us as we learn and have fun through music, math, nature, language and exploration. Visit www.clintonpathpreschool.com

THE HOUSE OF COLORS SUMMER PROGRAM

July 24 - Aug 11

667 Washington Street, Brookline

Our weeklong classes offer a variety of art activities for kids from the age of 8 to 18. Program begins July 24th. There are three weeks open for the summer. [Check out our website](#) or call Michelle at (617) 365-5625.

MEET ME AT THE FISHING HOLE

Four 1-week sessions from June 29th - July 24th, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bullough's Pond, Newton

A student-driven learning experience. A summer meet-up for students entering

grades 3-6. Find us at <http://meetyouatthefishinghole.weebly.com/>

TUTORING WITH A TWIST: MAKING SUMMER LEARNING FUN &

ENGAGING. Tutoring and enrichment for students entering 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade. Tutoring With A Twist uses a fun, child-centered approach to integrate art, math, literacy, science, and social studies learning while exploring our local community! [Visit our Website.](#)

WHAT TO DO WHEN SCHOOL GETS OUT? 17TH ANNUAL BROOKLINE WARRIORS BASEBALL CAMP

June 22 - 23 and June 26 - 30

Warren Field, Brookline

For boys and girls ages 6-15. Contact [Joe Campagna](#) for more information or (617) 293-5621. [Visit us online.](#) Click on Warriors Camp in the left column.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLINIC

June 26 - 29, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tappan Gym, Brookline High School, 66 Tappan St, Brookline

[Email for more information.](#) [Register here.](#) Sponsored by BHS Girls Basketball.

BROOKLINE SMARTSUMMERS

June 29 - August 25

This is a summer enrichment program for children ages 5-13. Open to Brookline residents and non-residents, we offer a wide variety of educational programs that meet for one and two weeks at a time. Children will learn new skills, make new friends, and spend time inside/outdoors. Programs include: science, computers, arts, puppetry, theater, and more. [Click here for more information.](#)

SMARTSUMMERS THEATER ARTS PROGRAM AND PLAYFUL PERFORMANCES

July 10 - August 17

Spend your summer singing, dancing, acting, and having fun! Students take classes in the visual and performing arts and work together to create an original musical production. This summer, our shows are based on outer space stories and will be OUT OF THIS WORLD! [Click here to email your questions.](#) To register, [click here.](#)

BOOMWRITER SUMMER ONLINE WRITING CAMP FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 5TH & 6TH GRADE

Weeks of Aug 7-11, and/or 14-18, and/or 21-25

A unique summer writing camp opportunity that your children can access right from home where students view lessons, receive feedback for revisions, and collaborate to write a short realistic fiction story that will then be published as a paperback book. \$149/Week. Visit [here](#) and/or [contact Kristen Haynes](#) for more information. [Visit here](#) to understand the Boomwriter process.

BROOKLINE MUSIC SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Brookline Music School is the perfect neighborhood destination for families looking for a fun-filled learning experience during the summer school break. Choose from a diverse selection of arts activities for all levels and ages. More info at www.bmsmusic.org/summer

CLASSIFIEDS

Please note: The Runkle News and PTO have not researched and are not responsible for the services, products, and/or requests made in these ads.

BROOKLINE'S FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site (Olmsted NHS) in Brookline is currently seeking volunteers for its late summer and fall season. The site is specifically looking for people with strong interpersonal skills as well as interest in museums, history, and national parks to help staff the site's visitor center desk on Monday afternoons, Wednesdays, and Friday mornings, beginning in late August. Additional shifts may become available later in the season. For more information and to apply, [please click here](#).

NANNY WANTED

Loving Runkle family of 3 kids ages 2, 4 and 6 looking for a new longterm nanny/household manager, starting in September. 45 hours per week. Please send any great candidates our way. Rebecca Berman, (617) 512-8855, rberman@gmail.com

ACTIVEMINDS TUTORING, LLC

Your source for expert support for the College Admission Essays. Our June workshop is now sold out! July 18th still has room for a few more rising seniors. By referring a friend who also signs up you get \$25 off. This price INCLUDES a one-hour private session! For additional details and to sign up please visit our website at www.activemindstutoring.com.

FOR RENT: SINGLE FAMILY ON CLINTON ROAD, SEPT 1ST

Floorplan and photos: <http://78clinton.com/>

More info via Thomer Gil: info@clintonrd.com

A 5-minute walk away from Runkle, this single family home is for rent starting Sept 1st (mid/late August occupancy possible) for at least 1 year, possibly more. Incomparable property with terrific light, flow, and detail. Central A/C, renovated to make excellent use of space for today's living. 5000+ sqft on nearly half acre lot, 5 bedrooms plus 2 large offices, one with dividable guest room suite; 4 full bathrooms, 2 half bathrooms; open chef's eat-in-kitchen with perfect den/family area, fireplace. Large dining room, spacious living room. Large windows overlooking atypically large backyard. Plenty of space for kids to play and run around, summer/spring BBQ, and entertaining. Attached 2-car garage. Rent is

\$9500/month.

MORE FUN THAN SUMMER SCHOOL!

Does your child need to catch up this summer or get ahead in math or test prep? I am a Driscoll dad and an award-winning tutor with years of teaching experience and I would love to help your child with math or ACT/SAT/ISEE/SSAT test prep this summer. I have had many successful students in Brookline - see my tutoring profile at www.wyzant.com/tutors/brooklinebest for positive testimonials and reviews Call Jay at (617) 652-0108 to set your child up for academic success!

BUSINESS MANAGER WANTED, TEMPLE OHABEI SHALOM

Temple Ohabei Shalom is looking for an enthusiastic, diligent, dedicated Business Manager to coordinate day-to-day business operations. The successful candidate is both detail-oriented and community-oriented and thrives in a fast-paced, good-humored, unpretentious environment. Reporting to the Executive Director, this position encompasses financial duties (accounting, bookkeeping, budget, cash flow management, payroll) and some aspects of human resources (insurance, contracts, workers' comp, etc.), as well as some IT functions. The person in this role will be responsible for migrating and unifying financial systems into QuickBooks, under direction of Temple Treasurer.

<https://www.ohabei.org/business-manager/>

EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR WANTED, TEMPLE OHABEI SHALOM

Temple Ohabei Shalom seeks an energetic and committed Events & Engagement Coordinator to coordinate details on a variety of events and programs. This is a part-time position with flexible hours that will include evening and weekend responsibilities, variable by season. Reporting to the Executive Director, the Events & Engagement Coordinator will work in collaboration with Education and Temple staff. This role will serve as a primary point of access for participants ("a public face of TOS"); excellent customer service orientation and exceptional organizational skills are a must. This dynamic position will work in a team environment to produce and staff events, meetings, and additional projects as required.

<https://www.ohabei.org/events-engagement-coordinator/>

PIANO INSTRUCTION

Flexible summer scheduling makes now an ideal time to try piano lessons. Berklee & New England Conservatory graduate with 30+ years teaching experience. Beginners welcome. Build a high quality musical foundation with a patient, upbeat, and caring teacher. Gloria Jasinski, phone: (617) 566-9704, email:

piano566@comcast.net

EXPERIENCED RUNKLE 8TH-GRADER AVAILABLE FOR BABYSITTING

Great with kids and very responsible. Available after-school and weekends. Please call or text Sophia at (617) 366-6046.

CHESS INSTRUCTOR WANTED

Runkle parent looking for someone to come home and teach chess to kids. If interested, please contact sabhas@yahoo.com with details.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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School main phone number: (617) 879-4650.

School website: www.runkle.org

Absence Line: (617) 879-4249. If your child will not be in school for any day(s), please call the absence line before 8:00 am to report the information. You can leave a message for multiple days if needed.